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TAGS: PDEV RH US UK

SUBJECT: RHODESIA: STATUS OF PF AT OAU MEETING

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- 1. WE REGRET THAT NO WORD HAS YET BEEN RECEIVED HERE REGARDING THE OUTCOME OF US-UK CONSULTATIONS IN LONDON CONCERNING A JOINT DEMARCHE TO SLECTED OAU MEMBERS ON THE ABOVE SUBJECT. WE THINK SUCH A DEMARCH MIGHT LESSEN THE POSSIBILITY THAT THE OAU SUMMIT WILL ADOPT A RESOLUTION ON RHODESIA WHICH WOULD ADVERSELY AFFECT PROSPECTS FOR AN ALL-PARTIES CONFERENCE. EVEN THOUGH THE DISCUSSIONS OF THE FOREIGN MINISTERS BEGAN LAST FRIDAY, IT SEEMS UNLIKELY THAT A FINAL DECISION ON THIS SUBJECT WILL BE TAKEN UNTIL THE HEADS OF STATE CONVENE. WE THEREFORE BELIEVE THAT A JOINT DEMARCHE SHOULD STILL BE PURSUED.
- 2. IN THE CASE OF NIGERIA IT WOULD BE POSSIBLE
  TO MAKE A JOINT DEMARCHE TO MEA HERE AND REQUEST THAT
  THE TALKING POINTS BE CONVEYED TO OBASANJO BEFORE HE
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DEPARTS FROM LAGOS. WE ALSO RECOMMEND THAT A COPY OF THE TALKING POINTS BE DELIVERED FOR GARBA'S ATTENTION TO THE NIGERIAN HIGH COMMISSION IN KHARTOUM.

3. ACTING BRITISH HIGH COMMISSIONER WILLIAMS CONCURS IN THE ABOVE AND IS SENDING A PARALLEL MESSAGE. EASUM

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